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Tons of money were turned out by United States Mints during the last fiscal year: to be exact 9,761 tons of domestic coins and 2,593 tons of coins for foreign governments.

Breaking all production records the three mints, at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver, working a 24-hour day produced 2,578,640,270 domestic coins valued at $109,464,836.70 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1944, Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, Director of the Mint, announced today. The previous production record for a fiscal year was in 1942 when 2,114,888,000 coins valued at $111,005,940 were minted.

Record production by the mints was necessary, Mrs. Ross said, to meet the increasing demands of the nation's business for coins. During the fiscal year the Treasurer of the United States called upon the mints for 2,309,032,000 coins valued at $123,546,340 to be made available for circulation purposes, she said.

Production of domestic coins during the fiscal year included 50,683,800 half dollars, 111,250,800 quarters and 244,422,000 dimes. These silver coins were valued at $77,596,800. In addition, minor coins turned out during the year included 253,630,000 nickels and 1,918,653,670 pennies with a value of $31,868,036.70.

The demand for pennies was chiefly responsible for the sharp increase in the number of coins stamped out during the year over production for the previous year. During fiscal year 1943 the mints produced 482,910,000 pennies, 306,085,000 nickels, 407,640,000 dimes, 180,618,000 quarters and 94,845,000 half dollars, a total of 1,472,098,000 coins valued at $153,474,350.

Foreign coinage turned out by the mints during the fiscal year 1944 amounted to 487,847,000 pieces to bring total production to 3,066,487,270 pieces, an average of nearly 35 tons of domestic and foreign money each day.

The Philadelphia Mint produced the largest number of domestic coins during the year with 1,550,137,670 pieces valued at $71,302,136.70. The greatest number of foreign coins also came for that mint which stamped out 370,120,000 pieces. San Francisco produced 575,164,000 domestic coins valued at $24,561,400 and 52,400,000 foreign coins while Denver turned out 453,338,600 domestic coins worth $13,601,300 and 65,327,000 coins for foreign governments.

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